

UNITED STATES

Mem

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-19-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT:

GREAT BEND, KANSAS

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We have received a letter dated April 4 from which indicates he has the impression that the Director has made a statement with specific reference to the John Birch Society. His letter is a disjointed tirade in vulgar language in which he asks, is the Director a Communist Party sympathizer or would he rather be classified as a fellow traveler. He attacks the Congress and accuses Attorney General Kennedy of attacking the John Birch Society because some communists were good contributors to the Democratic Party and they are now expecting some political protection. He concludes saying "you have been a political hand shaker, for a long time and if you don't like what I have to say, you can either put up or shut up, Mr. Hoover."

OBSERVATION:

This man is obviously one of the more irate John Birch members.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of its irrational and intemperate character, no purpose will be served by acknowledging receipt of this letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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"The Sunday Star" of 4/9/61, page A6, contained an article entitled "Welch Denies He Said Eisenhower Is Signed-Up Red." Regarding this article the Director noted "Let me have the quotes of Welch on Eisenhower."

A review of "The Politician," a manuscript written by Welch, completed in December, 1954, and revised in August, 1956, which is a vicious attack on the military and political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower, fails to disclose that Welch did, in fact, state that Eisenhower was "a card-carrying" communist. However, the manuscript is replete with insinuations and innuendoes that Eisenhower was procommunist and followed the orders of "his communist bosses." Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents.

Some of the more flagrant statements of Welch in this regard are as follows:

In discussing the awakening of the American people to the communist menace Welch states:

"The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this period of great vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States. . . . The rationale of his election, and the temper of the American people, made it imperative for a while that he

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Central Research (Book Review Desk)
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
62-104401

| talk a good brand of anti-Communism. But the
Communist influences which completely controlled
him kept the reins of that control tight and
effective."

In discussing Eisenhower as a candidate in 1951 Welch asks the reader to imagine that he is a member of the secret top strategy board of the Communist Party in the United States. He asks that the reader in this imaginary position not be thrown off the track by Eisenhower's announcement that he is a Republican. Welch continues:

|| "For this man is completely a 'sleeper'
in the Communist cause, a crypto-Communist whom
you have built up, from the outside, as a great
patriot."

In the manuscript Welch issues the following warning to any and all anticomunists:

| ". . . not to get too close to
Eisenhower with the truth about his Communist
backing and pro-Communist activities. For
the truth is the one weapon he and his fellow
top Communists could not withstand."

In discussing the communist attempt to dilute American sovereignty and break down the Americans' belief in independence Welch states:

| "On October 26, 1957, President
Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan of
England issued a joint statement in which they
said: 'The concept of national sovereignty is
now out of date.' We do not know just what the
British law covering such a situation may be.
We do know that for a president of the United States
such a statement, and even more his countless efforts
to support it by his actions, constitute a deliberate
violation of his solemn oath of office, justifying
his immediate impeachment; and that the lack of any
move for such impeachment itself shows the almost
unbelievable extent to which he and his Communist
bosses have been able to make the American people
lose their conscience, their courage, and their sense."

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Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
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In discussing Milton Eisenhower as Presidential adviser Welch states:

"In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party." . . . "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for thirty years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch discusses the communist use of the late former President Roosevelt and former President Truman and regarding Eisenhower states:

"In the first stage, Roosevelt thought he was using the Communists, to promote his personal ambitions and grandiose schemes. Of course, instead, the Communists were using him; but without his knowledge or understanding of his place in their game. In the second stage, Truman was used by the Communists, with his knowledge and acquiescence, as the price he consciously paid for their making him president. In the third stage, in my own firm opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason."

CONCLUSION:

While it is true that Welch in this manuscript does not call Eisenhower a card-carrying communist, he does attempt to show that Eisenhower is a communist.

ACTION:

None. Submitted for your information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 29, 1961

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4857-4863. Senator Young, (R) North Dakota, spoke concerning the John Birch Society pointing out that he had received many communications requesting information and some suggesting investigations of this Society. He advised that many newspapers have been conducting their own investigations. Mr. Young included some of the newspaper articles and editorials. The following was included in an article from the Minot (North Dakota) Daily News of March 25, 1961: "FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has informed U. S. Senator Milton R. Young that he does not endorse the John Birch Society, a right-wing political action group, the North Dakota Senator disclosed today." Some of the other articles make reference to Mr. Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit." An article from the Washington Evening Star written by Ralph McGill contained the following: "There are a great many persons and a number of organizations in this country who keep up such a clamor and outcry against what they, in anger, fear or prejudice, call communism, that they dim the light and fervor of Americanism. No less an expert than J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned against those who make reckless, unsustained charges without justification. They make his job very difficult."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 17, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

S/P
SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2630-A2631. Congressman Romeo, (D) Wisconsin, extended his remarks to include an editorial from the Madison Capital Times entitled "Should the Birch Cult Be Ignored or Exposed?" The editorial quotes Attorney General Kennedy in regard to his views of this Society.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 17, 1961

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 6076-6077. Senator Prentiss, (D) Wisconsin, spoke concerning an article which appeared in the New York Times reporting that Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, commanding general of the 34th Infantry Division, has instituted an anti-Communist indoctrination program among his troops. The article points out that General Walker distributed copies of "The Way of Life of John Birch," a book by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

The article also states "Copies of the society's magazine, American Opinion, were put on sale on Army newstands in the Augsburg area, where the division is stationed." The article makes reference to an address by General Walker in which "He was said to have described as 'definitely pink' former President Harry S. Truman, Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Edward R. Murrow, Director of the U. S. Information Agency, [redacted] the newspaper columnist, and [redacted]

for the Columbia Broadcasting System were said to be confirmed Communists." Mr. Prentiss stated "General Walker should be investigated and if this story is true, he, of course, should be relieved of his command at once, and I mean promptly. - - - Mr. President, what all this leads up to is that a pitifully misguided general is discrediting the very basis on which his own troops may be called upon to defend freedom. - - - The answer is to insist that American troops learn why they are on the frontier to defend freedom. The honest story is an inspiring and great story of practical good sense and of human idealism. It is time our troops overseas begin to learn why we are opposing communism and learn it massively from responsible, intelligent instructors."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 13, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 5246-5271. Senators McCloskey, (D) Wyoming; Young, (R) North Dakota; and Mansfield, (D) Montana, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. They included letters, articles and excerpts from the book "The Politician," written by Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder. The following was included in the excerpts from the book: "Charles E. Bohlen: Ambassador to Russia. - - - Senator McCarthy claimed that there were 18 pages of derogatory material about Bohlen in the FBI security file on him. Senator Wayne Morse, ardently pro-Bohlen, referred at first to '2 or 3,' then to '6 or 7,' and finally admitted 15 such derogatory reports." An article from the Christian Science Monitor entitled "State of the Nation; Far-Right Goals" contained the following: "But a question is posed right here, as radical right-wing organizations such as the John Birch Society receive an unusual and perhaps unwarranted amount of publicity. This is whether the programs and prescriptions of the far right, which are billed as combating communism, really do this very effectively and safely. - - - There is much unfinished business in this country. There are covenanted devices for handling it. The FBI keeps tabs on Communist subversion, and J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the FBI, has just warned against 'vigilant action.'"

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Memorandum

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TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 21, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Reps. 666. Senator Young (D) Chile, spoke regarding the John Birch Society. Mr. Young pointed out that "Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is correct in his statement that the John Birch Society 'is ridiculous' and that its members 'make no contribution to the fight against communism here in the United States, and in fact—if anything, they are a hindrance.' The California State Senate investigating committee on Un-American activities has announced that it has started an inquiry into the John Birch Society. Personally my view is that as not one of the members of this society, nor its leader, Welch, has committed any overt act of force and violence against constitutional authority in this country, I feel there is no occasion for any congressional or legislative investigation of this secret society. Welch has the same right all Americans should—to enjoy the freedom of speech."

He further stated "unqualified citizens who become members of the John Birch Society, even briefly, are making the battle against communism more difficult for governmental agencies such as the FBI. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has demanded cessation of the sort practiced by the John Birch Society."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

DATE: APRIL 25, 1961

Page 222. Congressman Shadley, (D) California, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. Mr. Shadley stated "I fear, however, that we have in the John Birch Society a sinister phenomenon which demands for the citizens that the mask be ripped off and the spotlight focused. -- I do not suggest that the John Birch Society should be persecuted for its beliefs; it is a measure of our democracy that the John Birchers should be entitled to air their views. I do, however, suggest that since they have chosen to adopt the tactics of deceit and misrepresentation in advancing their purposes--we must be alert to keep their activities a matter of public scrutiny and debate."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

DATE: 4/12/61

Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. V. Sullivan
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Mr. Ing [redacted]
Miss Gandy

Transmitted herewith is a pamphlet entitled "SHOULD YOU BE DISTURBED?" This pamphlet was made available to SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD by [redacted] who stated that the pamphlet was being distributed [redacted] and [redacted]

The informant was of the opinion that the Committee For Individual Responsibility, who allegedly compiled this pamphlet, is a front for the John Birch Society. It will be noted that Mr. ANDERSON, [redacted] of one of the alleged distributors, is one of the leaders of the John Birch Society. It will be noted that the pamphlet is in general an attack on the National Council of Churches and alleges that this organization is communist infiltrated. In this regard there is a reference to the book, "Masters of Deceit" by the Director.

On April 5, 1961, [redacted] Office b6
of the Post Master, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that b7C
Post Office Box [redacted] is rented by [redacted] b7D

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Is Your Church a Member of The National Council of Churches?

Members listed as of the National Council Churches:

African Methodist Episcopal Church

African Methodist Epis. Zion Church

AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Northern Baptists)

AMERICAN EVANGEL. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Armenian Church of North America (diocese)

Augustana Evangel. Lutheran Church

Church of the Brethren

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (Disciples of Christ) Internat. Convention

Christian Methodist Epis. Church

Evangelical United Brethren Church

Evangelical Unity of the Czeck. Moravian Brethren of N. America

Five Years Meeting of Friends (Quakers)

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. and South America

Hungarian Reformed Church in America

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION U.S.A., INC.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)

National Baptist Convention of America

Polish National Catholic Church of America—this is “old Catholic” and
in communion with the Amer. Episcopal Church

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Reformed Church in America

Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America

Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church

Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Seventh Day Baptists, General Conference

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America

Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church

United Lutheran Church in America

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.

Does the NCC Speak for Protestantism on Social and Political Issues?

Time and again the NCC has posed itself as the voice of Protestantism. This was not or is not a power they were given, have earned, or even have. But, they make the voice known—supposedly as the representation of 38,000,000 Protestants.

Too often, the NCC or its committees pass resolutions or make stands that are too far to the "left" for most Americans to accept. Among these are:

1. Recognition of Communist China by the U.S.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Progress toward universal disarmament by multilateral agreement (i.e. U.N.)

(Note: This makes our armed forces subject to the Russian veto.)

4. Abolishment of military conscription and allow Selective Service to lapse.
5. They lobbied against and defeated the Bricker Amendment which would make it unlawful to make treaties that were in violation of the U. S. Constitution.
6. They advocated repeal of the McCarran Act that prevents known Communists and other undesirables from immigrating to the U.S.
7. They took a stand against "Right to Work" laws saying they were unChristian.
8. They would do away with the House Un-American Activities Committee.
9. They favor repealing the Connally Reservation which permits the United States to determine for itself what are domestic issues for the United States rather than leaving this jurisdiction to the World Court. This could lead to our losing the control of the Panama Canal, change in our tariff policies, etc.

10. They favor Federal Aid to Education which would deprive us even more of our freedom.
11. They favor the Forand Bill which would bring socialized medicine.
12. They are strong on the liberal viewpoints on integration.
13. They demand more and more foreign aid to other countries.

The National Council of Churches goes all out for the "One World", "One Court", "One Church" idea. In economics they take the extreme liberal and socialistic viewpoint toward sharing the wealth, socialized medicine, government control. They publish booklets and pamphlets for study by church groups giving their viewpoints on these subjects, thereby leading the readers to believe that this is God's will.

Ref.: WHY ONE CHURCH'S CONSCIENCE SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.

For the N.C.C. to deny that Communism has infiltrated into some churches is pure stupidity. This is a matter of fact and numerous ministers have admitted their communistic affiliations. The Communist have announced this as one of their goals.

Ref.: Masters of Deceit Chapter 23
J. Edgar Hoover

HERBERT PHILBRICK, author of "I Led Three Lives," and for nine years an undercover agent for the F.B.I. said, "We are losing the fight for freedom—there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

The National Council of Churches does not advocate any theology except the recognition of Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. It does not ask for **personal** acceptance of Jesus Christ, but lets each church determine upon what foundation a person becomes a Christian. But, many of the leaders and theologians most prominent in the NCC are liberal in their theology. Here are some of the beliefs of this hierarchy.

1. The Bible is a mythology.
2. Jesus was sinful.
3. Jesus was not God.
4. They do not believe in substitutionary atonement.
5. They do not believe in Hell.
6. They do not believe in the Virgin Birth.
7. They do not believe in the Second Coming of Christ.

For more information you can study the books of:

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr

Dr. Paul Tillich

Sources for Study Material

Many churches have asked for sources of information to conduct studies of their own on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Listed below are some of the more prominent ones. There are many others. It is a common practice of the NCC to attack the individual or the organization issuing such reports and to label them Apostles of Discord. However, in practically every instance, you will find that the facts presented have been verified and have not been challenged for authenticity.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- "Uncertain Trumpets"—Congressional Record, Speech of March 3, 1960, by the Hon. Donald L. Jackson, U. S. House of Representatives, United States Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
- "Testimony of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam" before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., July 21, 1953.
- "Organized Communism in the United States"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., August 19, 1953.
- "100 Things You Should Know About Communism"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., May 14, 1951 pamphlet. On page 29 there is a section devoted to "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."
- "Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual" Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States Printing Office, Washington, D.C., February 25, 1960.
- "The American Negro in the Communist Party"—Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., December 22, 1954, pamphlet.
- "Annual Report 1955"—Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C., January 11, 1956.
- "Communism," a reading list of 56 informative publications available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

- "The Chairman's Final Report to the National Law Committee of the NCC," by J. Howard Pew, 1608 Walnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.
- "The Powers That Be," by Edmund A. Opitz, case studies of the Church in Politics. Foundation for Social Research, 1521 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 17, California.
- "Authority and Power in the Free Church Tradition," by Paul M. Harrison. A social case study of the American Baptist Convention, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.
- "Why One Church's Conscience Spoke Against The N.C.C. of Christ In the U.S.A."—First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

ARTICLES

- "NCC Conference Plea Recognition of Red China"—page 25, Dec. 8, 1958 Christianity Today, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.
- "NCC Head Pleads Red China's Case in Formosa"—page 27, Feb. 1, 1960 Christianity Today, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.
- "NCC World Order Policy Softens on Red China"—Editorial, page 23 and 29; "Greek Orthodox Church on WCC", page 31 and 32, Christianity Today, December 22, 1958.
- "The Communists Are After Your Church"—by Herbert A. Philbrick; a reprint of a Christian Herald article, Christian Herald, 27 East 39th St., New York 16, New York.
- "Do We Need a Protestant Separation of 'Church and State'?"—by Daniel A. Poling, May 1959, Christian Herald, 27 East 39th St., New York 16, New York.
- "The Church and Politics"—by John Howard Pew in May 5, 1960, Human Events, 408 First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.
- "Reds and Our Churches"—by J. B. Matthews, in July, 1953 American Mercury, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, New York.
- "Southern Conference Educational Fund"—by Fulton Lewis Jr., March 31, 1960, Human Events, 408 East First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.
- "The National Council of Churches"—Economic Council Letter No. 440, Oct. 1, 1958, National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Bldg., New York 1, New York.
- "Statement of Union Membership as a Condition of Employment", Department of Church and Economic Life Division of Christian Life and Work, The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

**ORGANIZATION, PUBLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN
SUPPLY VARIOUS MATERIAL ON THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Human Events, 408 First Street S.E., Washington 3, D.C.
Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th Avenue, Cincinnati 2, Ohio
Herbert A. Philbrick, National Layman's Council of Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Dan Smoot Reports, P.O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas.
America's Futures, Inc., 542 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y.
American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisc.
Allen Bradley Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Ask for "Will You Be Free To Celebrate Christmas in the Future" article.)
Rex M. Harlow, 5172 E. Harry, Wichita, Kansas. (Ask for letter from Walter Reuther commending the NCC on its labor policies.)
Christian Crusade, P.O. Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Dr. E. F. Weber, P.O. Box 1144, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
The Southern Presbyterian Journal, Weaverville, North Carolina.
Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Box 890, Long Beach 1, California.
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Mutual Broadcasting Co., Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For specific information on the political and social viewpoint of the National Council of Churches, write to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and ask for material on the subject you desire.

**Actions taken by The N. C. C. at
General Assembly Meeting in
San Francisco, December - 1960**

1. Adopted a \$15,704,400 (m) budget for 1961, including \$2,365,000 for shipping surplus food and other aid to needy areas overseas.
2. Praised the clergymen and citizens of New Orleans who have upheld the "worth of every individual, without regard to race or color" in the face of "rising hysteria and mob violence" against school integration.

3. Advocated "responsible and democratic labor organization" among the nation's million migratory farm workers to raise their wages and sub-standard living conditions.

4. Heard a comprehensive report from foreign missionaries, charging American apathy to oppression in other lands contributed to communist inroads in Cuba and elsewhere. They urged support for reform struggles in backward areas.

5. Asked God's blessing on president-elect John F. Kennedy and vice president-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, praying that they be guided by God's will to lead the country in "paths of peace and justice for all mankind."

6. Condemned state and local laws barring aid to dependent children because of illegitimate birth.

7. Urged strengthening of the United Nations as "power for peace among nations," and said Americans should be ready to accept the fact it may sometime—through its democratic processes—override the will of the United States.

8. Call for "pioneering programs" by this country to heed God's command and share our wealth of technical knowledge and farm surpluses to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

9.Appealed for an end to discrimination in employment against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people, Indians, Jews, and Americans of oriental descent.

10. Recommended a continuing "dialogue with Roman Catholics" on religious liberty and other church matters.

11. Re-elected Dr. Roy G. Ross, as council's general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin Espy, as associate general secretary.

12. Urged aid to Cuban refugees in Florida.

13. Weighed a report on the "state of the churches" terming the present period "the most cataclysmic in a recorded history," and declaring the churches "dare not proceed on a business-as-usual' basis."

14. Elected Miller, a scholarly 51-year-old multimillionaire who teaches Sunday school in his hometown of Columbus, Ind., as the first layman to lead the council in its 10-year history.

Ref. Reprinted from December 11, 1960 Nashville Tennessean.

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CONGRESSIONAL
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 11, 1961

[Redacted]
Midland, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your recent letter is so fraught with erroneous interpretations as to my motives and outlook with respect to the John Birch Society that I hardly know where to begin.

I think I can sum up by saying that I have agreed with the announced purpose of opposing communism of this Society and my record will so reflect. I do not have to accept or approve of the tactics used by Mr. Welch and his followers. I have stated that certainly these people have the right to express their opinions, but I claim my right to disagree with them.

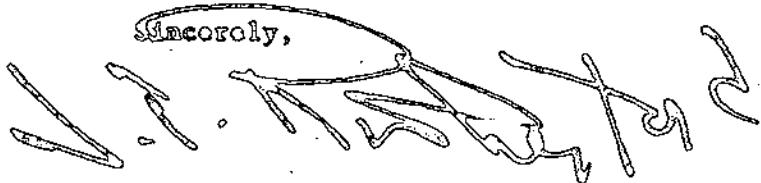
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I think that Mr. Welch's criticism go far beyond the point of decency and constitute smear campaigns upon many good Americans. The enclosed materials in that regard are excellent examples.

I have a record of supporting the House Un-American Activities Committee and you will note the comments of the Chairman of that Committee relating to the John Birch Society as contained in these materials. The same is true for FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

[Redacted] I believe that I have as authentic a source of information on the Birch Society and on Mr. Welch as one can possibly have. I have before me a copy of "The Politician", personally autographed by Mr. Welch and I also have correspondence in which he acknowledges authorship. There is even a forward in the book written by Mr. Welch in which he refers to it as "a manuscript or book". It is bound as a book, printed by offset press, as chapter numbers, chapter titles and each of the 287 pages contains the words "The Politician" at the bottom.

Sincerely,



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Date: 4/25/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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ReBuairtel 4/14/61 and Los Angeles airtel in this matter 4/10/61.

The original source of information contained in re Los Angeles airtel was [redacted]

[redacted] Santa Barbara, California. On 4/21/61 he was advised by SAs RILEY L. MILLARD and [redacted] at Santa Barbara that the FBI has no jurisdiction in this matter, and therefore the FBI will not become involved in the situation. He stated he fully understands that fact and would so advise his superior, [redacted]

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During the conversation [redacted] advised as follows concerning the [redacted] of the John Birch Society, and [redacted] Present during the [redacted] were PAUL VEBLEN, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," and [redacted] reporter for that paper. VEBLEN and [redacted] were gleeful when [redacted] drew admissions from [redacted] that he was a staff member of the Birch Society. Later, however, [redacted] mentioned that VEBLEN and [redacted] were believed to be communists and pointed out that VEBLEN formerly worked back East for the Fund for the Republic; that the Fund had moved its headquarters to Santa Barbara about the time

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VEBLEN arrived in the city to work for the "News-Press." Both newspaper representatives were obviously shaken by [redacted] comments. and both were glum during the balance [redacted] talk.

Later on that evening [redacted] mentioned Governor BROWN and Attorney General STANLEY MOSK, State of California, and said he believed both were probably communists. [redacted] pointed out that BROWN had accepted communist money in running for governor and that MOSK had belonged to or loaned his name to various communist-type organizations.

[redacted] said that VEBLEN had promised complete anonymity to [redacted]

However, T. M. STORKE, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," was said to have disclosed the fact to representatives of the CBS on 4/10/61.

He advised that he had given copies of [redacted] to the "News-Press," but that in making the copies he had purposely [redacted] that CBS has requested [redacted] for temporary use. He said the [redacted] has advised CBS the [redacted] would be made available if CBS will sign a complete indemnification to protect [redacted] and the County of Santa Barbara in event of a lawsuit by [redacted]

CBS, according to [redacted] has advised that they could not ready the story by 4/20/61 wherein instant [redacted] is planned to be used; that probably in the next two or three weeks it will be prepared for use on one of their Thursday night "CBS Reports" shows.

[redacted] recalled that T. M. STORKE had advised that copies [redacted] were forwarded to Governor BROWN and Attorney General MOSK, and both had indicated that they do not desire [redacted] in entirety to anyone. [redacted] related that [redacted] had personally telephoned the Governor prior to the latter having heard [redacted] and had advised him of the comments by [redacted] to the effect he believed the Governor was a communist and had accepted money from communists. The Governor, he said, blurted out, "Did he mention specific instances?"

[redacted] recalled that [redacted] on the evening in question had also dwelt at some length as to his beliefs

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 4, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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John C. S. [Signature]
Big John [Signature]

Reference my memo to you under above caption dated 3-31-61.

You will recall [redacted] wrote the Director expressing concern for the lack of knowledge of communism on the part of "one of your FBI men." We dispatched a teletype to the Indianapolis Office on 3-31-61 advising that [redacted] be interviewed, the identity of the FBI employee ascertained and that she be informed that all Agents are fully informed on subversive matters, but as a matter of policy do not discuss such issues unofficially.

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Today, 4-4-61, we received a reply by teletype from Indianapolis advising that [redacted] was interviewed and identified the FBI employee she referred to in her letter as Special Agent Robert E. Masters of the Philadelphia Office. She and her husband had visited in the Masters' home while in the Philadelphia area, and she being active in the John Birch Society and interested in combating communism failed to realize the position of Special Agent Masters in that he was reluctant to discuss communism with her socially. She expressed deep appreciation for the contact and the explanation as to the Bureau's position in such matters, and she was most apologetic for raising the incident in the first place. She desired that Special Agent Masters not be made aware of her letter which was hurriedly written and which she now recognized as not being accurate.

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There does not appear to be any breach of discretion on the part of Special Agent Masters. This appears to be another incident in which a citizen has been overly excited by anticomunism groups, and now that she understands the Agent's position and why he cannot discuss the matter with her, she is perfectly satisfied.

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It is believed that this information should be made available to the Philadelphia Office for the information and guidance of SA Masters in the event of future contacts with [redacted]

Enclosure seal 2-5-61

- 1 - Administrative Division - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Mohr - Enclosures
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Recommendation on next page...

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

Re: [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Philadelphia, with enclosures, furnishing information concerning this matter be approved and forwarded.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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URGENT 4/26/61 5-25 PM EST MHM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /100-375/ 1P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, IS - X. [REDACTED]

INFORMED THIS DATE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FLORIDA, WITH LEADER, UNKNOWN IDENTITY, OF JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY. OTHERS INVITED INCLUDE TWO MEMBERS OF FLORIDA KU KLUX
KLAN AND [REDACTED] DAYTONA BEACH CITIZENS COUNCIL.

[REDACTED] WILL ATTEND AND WILL ADVISE
RESULTS OF MEETING.

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concerning Dr. SAMUEL GOULD, Chancellor, University of California at Santa Barbara, arriving at the conclusion that GOULD was either a communist or at least sympathetic toward communist aims in this country.

Source said that T. M. STORKE told him that GOULD does not want [redacted] in its entirety to anyone. Source pointed out that GOULD has loudly decried the "wave of conservatism" sweeping college campuses recently; that he had condemned as un-American the conservative Freedom Club on his campus but has said nothing against the Santa Barbara Students for Civil Liberties. He pointed out that it is rumored the latter group is liaisoned with a similar group at Berkeley which was involved in the San Francisco riots during the meeting of the House Un-American Activities Committee last year.

In line with the comments concerning Dr. GOULD, it is noted that on 4/13/61 RICHARD BUFFUM, Editor, "Goleta Gazette," Goleta, California, printed the following:

DAVID ARNOLD, student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, ostensibly disclosed to the "El Gaucho," campus newspaper, that he had infiltrated the 15-member Freedom Club. Mr. BUFFUM reported further, however, that "... A previous reported top-level conference between Chancellor SAMUEL GOULD, News-Press Publisher T. M. STORKE, PAUL VEBLEN, News-Press executive editor, had resulted in the decision to place the story in El Gaucho, so that it would appear that it had been uncovered by the student journalists. The dramatic impact of this brilliant chicanery--I still smart with professional jealousy--is obvious. What an ingenious way to launch a nationwide story!"

On the afternoon of 4/21/61, [redacted] who had stated earlier in the day that both he and [redacted] were piqued over the disclosure by T. M. STORKE as to their involvement in this matter, advised as follows.

On 4/21/61 [redacted] had "leaked" the fact of [redacted] and the interest of CBS in it to Dr. GRANVILLE KNIGHT, a director of the John Birch Society. He said the latter indicated the Society might file an injunction prohibiting CBS from [redacted]

[redacted] requested that his comments in this matter be treated in extreme confidence.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

DATE: April 10, 1961

FROM: J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney
General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: The John Birch Society

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There are forwarded herewith for your information
copies of correspondence between the Honorable Torbert
Macdonald and this Division concerning the captioned
subject.

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Torbert Macdonald

Enclosures

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Honorable Torbert H. Macdonald
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

On behalf of the Attorney General I acknowledge your letter of April 3, 1961 relating to the John Birch Society and wish to thank you for your thoughtful expression of views on this subject.

At his press conference on April 6, 1961 the Attorney General, in answer to an inquiry whether he felt there was any necessity for an investigation of the John Birch Society, stated that he had not found, as of that date, that the Society had violated any Federal laws. A copy of the complete text of the Attorney General's remarks is enclosed for your information.

As you will appreciate, this Department is limited in the definition and scope of its functions. Hence, we are not authorized by law or executive order to investigate, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, either individuals or organizations except where there is reason to believe from the available information that a violation of Federal law has, in fact, occurred or that their activities come within the purview of executive orders, administrative regulations and other laws enforced by this Department. In the absence of such information, we believe it would be inappropriate for us to request the FBI to undertake an investigation in this matter.

If I can be of assistance to you in any other matter, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 3, 1961

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Recently the press had indicated that the John Birch Society has been active in demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren and has impugned the loyalty of other patriotic Americans.

There is much confusion surrounding the exact nature of this organization and in view of the conflicting statements and seriousness of the charges leveled, it appears that there are legal grounds for an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On one hand, we hear that derogatory remarks have been made about the President and former Presidents and on the other hand, respectable people who know about the society, support it and deny the allegations.

Since there is a possibility that this matter does not come within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Un-American Activities, I would like to urge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make an investigation of the John Birch Society. I feel it will be good for all concerned to have the matter cleared up.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ Torby Macdonald
Torbert H. Macdonald, M.C.

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, El Paso (100-5739)

April 27, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to the latest Inspection Report of the El Paso Office which contained a suggestion memorandum concerning captioned Society. In the memorandum the Inspector instructed that confidential source [redacted] be contacted to determine complete details concerning chapters of the Society located at Midland and Odessa, Texas. The memorandum also stated that you should report the results of this contact to the Bureau.

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A review of Bufile fails to disclose the receipt of a communication from your office in this regard. In the event the information has been furnished you are instructed to advise the date and caption of the communication. In the event the information has not been furnished the Bureau same should be expedited.

Handle promptly.

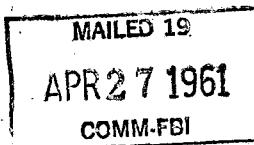
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On
SO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SECURITY MATTER

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On [redacted] Santa Barbara, California, advised in confidence that PAUL VEBLEN, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 3/31/61, requested assistance [redacted] which was to take place on that night. VEBLEN stated [redacted] was with consent of holder of room.

[redacted] about 20 minute conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] student at University of California at Santa Barbara was working with "News-Press" in matter and [redacted] in Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of Young Americans for Freedoms at UCSB. [redacted] succeeded in getting [redacted] to state that [redacted] was full-time [redacted] of John Birch Society; that [redacted] Freedom Clubs on college campuses.

[redacted] admits being member of Santa Barbara Civil Liberties Committee and is reportedly in liaison with similar committee at University of California at Berkeley.

The Freedom Club and SBCLC are off-campus student groups. The former is reportedly extremely conservative and latter is interested in abolishing HCUA and has similar liberal aims.

After first 20 minutes [redacted] other members of Freedom Club arrived [redacted]

Source [redacted] advised on 4/10/61 that District Attorney VERN THOMAS was called to office of T. M. STORKE, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 4/10/61, and [redacted]

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introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio, who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired one hour taped interview with District Attorney 4/10/61 [redacted] in John Birch Society.

Source assumed CBS hoped to show connection between Freedom Clubs and John Birch Society. States [redacted] advised CBS planning one hour show on 4/20/61 re this matter and John Birch Society.

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Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives interviewing [redacted] above, along similar lines. "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front page story [redacted] reflecting [redacted] of Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

Source [redacted] advised his information furnished FBI at instance [redacted] but requested facts [redacted] b7D
re [redacted] be treated in confidence.

Source previously advised that [redacted] admissions regarding his position with John Birch Society may possibly be published in "Life Magazine."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *att P*

DATE: April 13, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *MFB*SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The Los Angeles Office by airtel 4/10/61 furnished the following information.

Santa Barbara, California, confidentially advised on 4/1/61 that Paul Weblen, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," requested assistance [REDACTED] a conversation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 3/31/61. [REDACTED] b6 b7C with the consent of the holder of the room. The [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] a con-

versation between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for about 20 minutes and then continued [REDACTED] after members of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) group arrived in the room. During the 20-minute conversation [REDACTED] succeeded in getting [REDACTED] to admit that he is a [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that [REDACTED] Freedom Clubs on college campuses. *During this is great indication that it's a student into the JBS.*

According to [REDACTED] is a student at the University of California at Santa Barbara; was working with the "News-Press" in this matter; and had [REDACTED] in the Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of YAF at the University of California at Santa Barbara. [REDACTED] admits being a member of the Santa Barbara Civil Liberties Committee (SBCLC) and is reportedly in liaison with a similar committee at the University of California at Berkeley. *Am*

The Freedom Club and the SBCLC are off-campus student groups, the former reportedly extremely conservative and the latter interested in abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
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On 4/10/61, District Attorney Vern Thomas was called to the office of T. M. Storke, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," and introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired a one-hour taped interview with the District Attorney [redacted] the JBS, apparently to show some connection between the Freedom Clubs and JBS. [redacted] advised that CBS is planning a one-hour show on 4/20/61 concerning this matter and JBS.

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Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives were interviewing [redacted] along similar lines and that the "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front-page story on [redacted] of the Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

The [redacted] advised that [redacted] admissions regarding his position with the JBS may possibly be published in "Life Magazine."

The [redacted] advised that his information was furnished the FBI upon instructions of [redacted] but requested the facts concerning the [redacted] be treated in confidence.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES

There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with Paul Veblen, [redacted] Vern Thomas and SBCLC and there is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning the YAF. The YAF was organized at a conference held in Connecticut in September, 1960, which was attended by a group of young men and women from 44 colleges and universities throughout the country. The purpose of the YAF is to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among America's youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena.

Bufiles indicate T. M. Storke was a former U. S. Senator, by appointment, from California from 1938 to 1939. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning Storke.

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Bufile 140-20736 contains information possibly identical with [redacted]. In 1959 a Security of Government Employees investigation was conducted on [redacted] for a Veterans Administration Hospital, Oakland, California, based on allegations that [redacted] the letterhead of "Medical

Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
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Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy" as of 10/15/37 and that the "Daily People's World" in 1938 indicated [redacted] of an ambulance in aid of Spanish loyalists. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] whose name was legally changed to [redacted] and who in 1959 was an art student at the University of California. On 10/8/59 the Civil Service Commission advised that [redacted] received a favorable determination under Executive Order 10450.

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ACTION:

The Los Angeles Office is being separately advised not to become involved in this situation as it is not within FBI jurisdiction and the District Attorney should be made to clearly understand this.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)(REG) DATE: 4/25/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.

Box 24, Bellingham, Washington

INFORMATION CONCERNING; REC-88
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BAUMGARDNER
FBI - SEATTLE

On April 18, 1961 LEE J. ADAMSON, local leader of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Bellingham, furnished two mimeographed publications of AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC. He advised that this group was "sort of a front group" for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and the two publications were disseminated in the following manner: (1) MORO JEWELL has been giving speeches to various civic groups and afterwards hands out the publications to interested individuals. (2) "One of our people" has a mailing list he is distributing this information to.

The first publication is in the form of an invitation to request additional information from AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC. The second is a tear sheet which may be used to order a number of Government Printing Office publications directly from Government Printing Office.

ADAMSON said the list of Government Printing Office publications was "lifted" from the MINDZENTY STUDY GROUP.

The publications are being submitted as enclosures to this letter.

who was [redacted] (BUfile 65-2542) b6
[redacted] by the Seattle Office b7C

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Files of the Seattle Office contain no adverse information identifiable with ADAMSON and contain no information identifiable with the MINDZENTY STUDY GROUP.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of indicating the current extent of the activities of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

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Composed of a constantly increasing number of individuals who are aroused to the threat of the growing loss of freedom in the United States of America; the Western Hemisphere and the world, and who are determined to do something about it; who are affiliated with organizations, and subscribers to publications, which have taken a stand in opposition to the Communist Global Conquest; and who have pooled their collective knowledge through AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.

The United States is involved in a world crisis. We did not create this crisis. The Communists began it in 1917, when they overthrew the liberal representative government in Russia to establish their dictatorship. It was their intention then, and it has been their goal ever since, to use the revolutionary weapon for world conquest. This is the crux of today's struggle for survival. No one can predict how long the conflict will continue. We do know, however, that it has become a total war between two fundamentally opposed social systems.

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In combatting Communism, we must beware of vigilante action. Our responsibilities as citizens are to be certain of our facts, and then report them to the proper authorities.

Every exposure of Communism's false promises, inherent contradictions and deceitful tactics helps to shatter its ideological appeal and to fortify against psychological pressures. But, in this struggle for the minds of men, exposure alone is not enough. Exposure must be complemented by a long-range educational program with a dual purpose. This program must encompass, not only a penetrating study of Communism, but also a thorough grounding in the basic principles of our individual freedom under law. It must be designed to train people to think independently, and to distinguish between truth and error.

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For additional information, complete, and mail the attached inquiry.

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Bellingham, Washington

Please send me additional information on the educational program sponsored by AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.

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This is in reply to your request for additional information as to what YOU CAN DO about the steady advance of the COMMUNIST GLOBAL CONQUEST.

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The ten publications listed on the attached order blank are carefully selected to give you a basic understanding of the problem of the COMMUNIST GLOBAL CONQUEST.

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Enclosed find \$2.15 (check, money order, or Documents coupons). Please send me the following publications:

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM: THE COMMUNIST MIND, Staff Consultation with Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz, HUAC, May 29, 1957	\$0.15
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THE KREMLIN'S ESPIONAGE AND TERROR ORGANIZATIONS, Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, HUAC, March 17, 1959	0.15
COMMUNIST CONTROLS ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY, Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, SISS, May 5, 1959	0.15
PERMIT COMMUNIST-CONSPIRATORS TO BE TEACHERS? House Document No. 213, 83rd Congress, 1st Session, 1953	0.20
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A.: A HANDBOOK FOR AMERICANS, SISS, Senate Document No. 117, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, 1956	0.30
THE TECHNIQUE OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA, Senate Internal Subcommittee, 86th Congress, 2nd Session, 1960	0.15
LANGUAGE AS A COMMUNIST WEAPON, Consultation with Dr. Stefan T. Possony, HUAC, March 2, 1959	0.20
PATTERNS OF COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE, Report by the House Un-American Activities Committee, January, 1959	0.25
COMMUNISM IN ACTION, Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, HD No. 754, 79th Congress	0.45

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : *gjm* SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

There are enclosed articles which appeared in the "Charlotte Observer," 4/23/61 concerning a chapter of the John Birch Society which is now active in Rutherford County, N. C., under present leadership of GEORGE SCHAFFERT.

No investigation has been made with reference to this chapter in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

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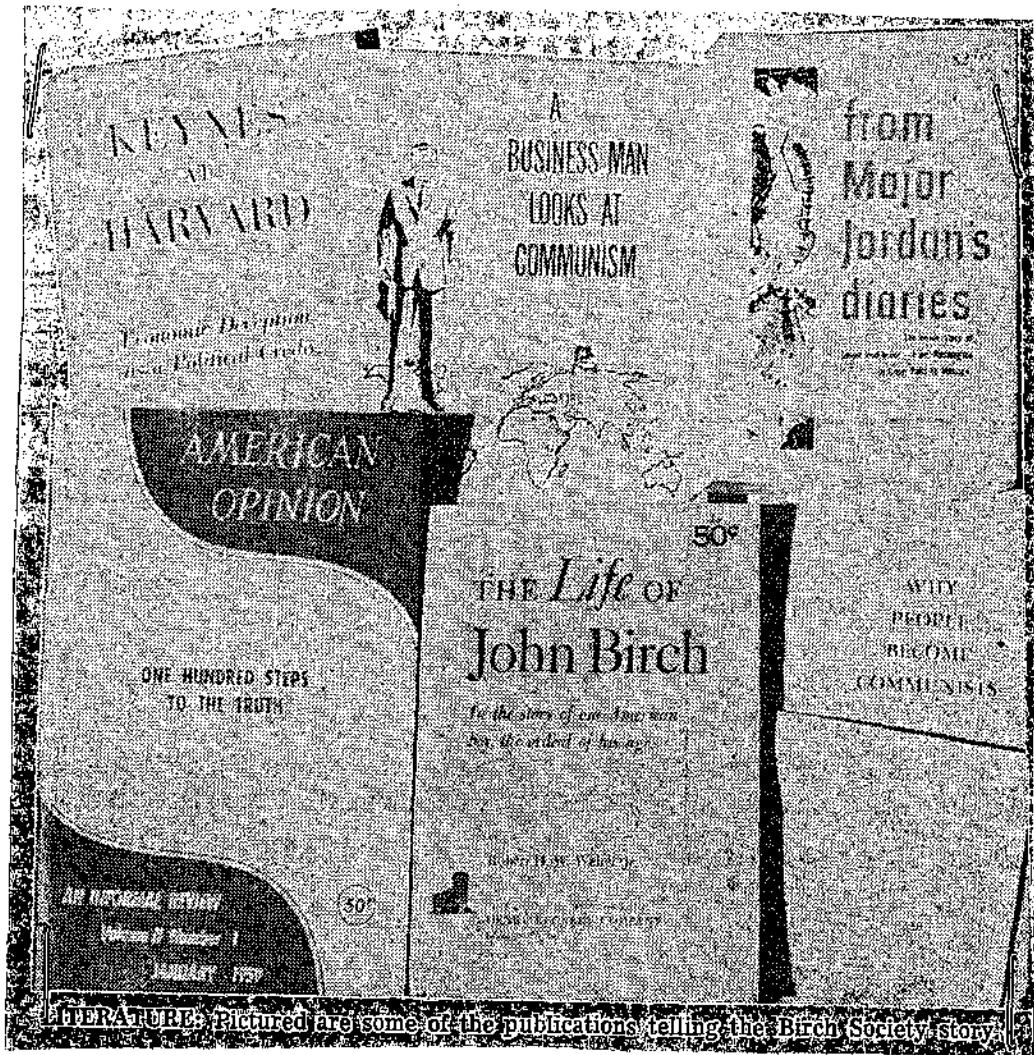
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LITERATURE: Pictured are some of the publications telling the Birch Society story.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 20, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 5939. Congressman Ryan, (D) New York, spoke concerning rights provided under the Constitution of the United States. He makes reference to the John Birch Society stating "The society's views are as repugnant to our American traditions as the views of the Communist Party. However, in our efforts to protect ourselves against the misguided, we must be careful that the very thing we are protecting—democratic institutions—is not destroyed. --- A congressional investigation of the John Birch Society would be just as antithetical to our heritage as some of the views of the society. --- This organization like those of the same stripe before it will wilt and die in the glare of public exposure and debate."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *APRIL 20, 1961*

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 5957. Congressman Hiestand, (R) California, introduced H. Res. 261, a resolution creating a select committee to conduct an investigation and study of the John Birch Society for the purpose of determining whether additional Federal legislation is necessary to protect the public interest.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 4/26/61 [redacted] Los Angeles 46, California, personally appeared at the Los Angeles Office. She has previously furnished information to this office and is employed in [redacted]

Los Angeles.

[redacted] advised that she is casually acquainted with [redacted] Visalia, California, who had recently directed a letter to her in which [redacted] stated he had received "a nice letter from J. EDGAR HOOVER." According to [redacted] letter, he has known the Director for more than 25 years and stated, "He is a very sound, fair man." [redacted] related in his letter to [redacted] that the Director thought [redacted] had taken the right stand in regard to the John Birch Society and furnished the following quotes, allegedly from a letter [redacted] had received from the Director:

"There exists today in our land a vital 'rift' which the communists are exploiting. Unfortunately, this involves certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another. The label a 'communist' is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority. Those whose lives are not led according to what one segment of society.... The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen. This is neither the time for inaction or vigilante action...."

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[redacted] reason for bringing the above to the attention of the FBI was that it was not her opinion that the FBI would make such disclosures to the public. [redacted] stated that she is a member of the John Birch Society and

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believes that [redacted] who is allegedly a [redacted] and opposed to the John Birch Society, is trying to influence her by using the name of the Director.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal that [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, corresponded with the Bureau on 3/25/48 and 11/3/52, which letters were acknowledged by the Bureau on 4/5/48 and 11/10/52 respectively, copies of which were furnished the Los Angeles Office. The general theme of [redacted] letters related to his concern over subversive activities in the United States. b6 b7c

The Los Angeles Office is not aware of any additional correspondence between the Director and [redacted] and the foregoing is being furnished for informational purposes.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 13, 1961

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 5325-5326. Congressman Reuss, (D) Wisconsin, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He stated "like many Members, I have been disturbed by the activities of the so-called John Birch Society. What the Society is up to sounds ominously like what the Nazis once were up to in Germany. -- Propaganda, whether it came from the Communist left or the totalitarian right, seemed to me within the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Un-American Activities." Mr. Reuss included a letter he sent to Congressman Walter, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, recommending investigation of the John Birch Society. He also included a reply from Mr. Walter.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) (REG) DATE: 4/25/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-0-39633)
(100-24754)

SUBJECT:

Bellingham, Washington

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On April 18, 1961,

Bellingham, Washington, exhibited two letters his wife had received from the Director in reply to her request for Bureau publications. Both were addressed to . The first, dated March 23, 1961, had as enclosures publications of the Bureau. The second, dated April 10, 1961, pointed out that demand for Bureau publications was so heavy that her more recent request could not be fulfilled. explained that on the second occasion his wife had asked for 500 copies of certain publications.

and his wife are active in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Bellingham. *John Birch*

The indices of the Seattle Office reflect that Bellingham, wrote a letter to the Editor of the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer," a daily newspaper. This letter, which is set out below, appeared on page 18, column 2, of the April 22, 1960 issue of the newspaper.

"Liberals of both parties are making impassioned statements condemning the section 'Communism in Religion,' printed in the Air Force Manual.

"Congressman FRANCIS E. WALTER, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, criticized the Air Force for withdrawing the manual without trying to find out about the accuracy of the charges.

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"HERBERT PHILBRICK, former undercover agent for the FBI within the Communist Party, states 'not only can every statement in the Air Force Manual be documented to the hilt. As a matter of fact, the manual is an understatement.'"

This information is furnished for the Bureau's guidance in future correspondence since [redacted] indicated that his wife would probably recontact the Bureau and ask for a more modest amount of literature. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, [redacted] request for literature on April 18, 1961, was not fulfilled.

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Date: 5/1/61

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Via AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-375)
 RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 4/28/61, [redacted] advised that on the night of 4/26/61, and at the very last minute, the meeting was called off after a telephone call was received from (FNU) [redacted] for State of Florida for JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, saying was sick with the flu and would make it another time. From what he could determine, [redacted] advised that [redacted] lives at or in the vicinity of Tavares, Fla.

Bureau will be appropriately advised of any future meetings held by [redacted] at Daytona Beach, Fla.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1961

Memo To: Courtney Evans

From: Kenneth O'Donnell

John Birch Society

This does not really concern
me too much but I am sending it
along for your consideration.

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Memorandum
to Belmont

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : R. O. Tailier

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reference memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont
 April 14, 1961, recommending that Liaison obtain, through Army, a
 tape recording of an interview conducted by the Counter Intelligence
 Corps (CIC) of one [redacted]
 Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, now head of the John Birch
 Society.

On April 26 and 27, 1961, this matter was discussed with Major James Nix, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Foreign Intelligence, the Pentagon, who advised that the tape recording was not available at Army Headquarters, but in all probability, it could be made available through the CIC detachment in Boston, Massachusetts. Major Nix explained that in the event the tape recording is not available, in all probability a transcript of the interview would be available. Major Nix stated that he has communicated with the CIC detachment in the Boston area for same, and upon receipt of the tape recording or transcript of the interview, it will be made available to us.

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ACTION:

For information. This matter will be followed closely by Liaison.

1-Mr. Parsons
 1-Mr. Mohr
 1-Mr. Evans
 1-Mr. DeLoach
 1-Mr. Belmont
 1-Mr. Baumgardner
 1-Mr. Kleinkauf
 1-Mr. Simpson
 1-Liaison
 1-Mr. Putnam

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
66-104401

Welch, of course, is head of the John Birch Society which was organized in 1958 in Indianapolis. It has not been investigated by the Bureau and is allegedly an anticomunist organization. He has made charges that former President Eisenhower was a communist and has recently received considerable publicity throughout the United States.

OBSERVATIONS:

Inasmuch as we are not investigating the John Birch Society it is not believed that we should directly interview [redacted] at this time. It is believed, however, that we should verify from Army that the tape recording of the alleged interview with her is in existence and attempt to obtain a copy of it for examination.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that Assistant Director Evans return the attached letter to O'Donnell and advise him that inasmuch as we are not investigating the John Birch Society we do not contemplate an interview with [redacted]

2. It is recommended that for our own information and consideration we should through liaison contact Army and obtain the tape recording so that we can determine exactly what allegations have been made by [redacted]

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Yes,
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O'Donnell advised he
sent to us for info only
He does not want other
Bureau to know or for
him to take any action
vs to take any action

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 14, 1961

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FROM :

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 4-14-86 BY [signature]

Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, by routing slip dated 4-12-61 referred to Assistant Director Courtney Evans a letter he had received from [redacted] Newton Center, Massachusetts, dated 3-27-61. Mr. O'Donnell stated the letter did not concern him too much but he was sending it to Mr. Evans for consideration.

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[redacted] relates that one [redacted] immigrated to the United States from Germany and obtained the position of [redacted] [redacted] to Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, now head of the John Birch Society. It is alleged Welch hired her because he thought she was a Nazi and, therefore, took her into his confidence. [redacted] left Welch's employment because she despised his alleged "Nazi-type" activities. She allegedly has furnished an "incredible history, purposes and activities of the Welch organization" to an agent from Army Intelligence who made a tape recording of the interview. The date of this interview is not specified. [redacted] stated that this tape is probably available from Army for the asking. She allegedly has now been approached to give her information concerning Welch and his associations with Senator Goldwater to a free-lance writer and to a representative of the "Christian Science Monitor." [redacted] suggested to her that maximum benefit to this Nation from this information could best be obtained by disclosure to a representative of the President. She has agreed to do this and has steadfastly refused to give her information to others. [redacted] stated he is prepared to arrange a meeting with her.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning [redacted]

or [redacted]

66-104401

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
- 1 - Mr. S. [redacted]

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Name [redacted] to Belmont
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 2, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A28-A298. Congressman Utt, (R) California, extended his remarks to include an editorial entitled "Is the John Birch Society a Menace?" written by Mr. William E. Shearer, publisher of the Communist-Caribou (California) Banner. Mr. Utt advised that he believed this editorial is the best expose of the massive propaganda campaign launched against the John Birch Society and its patriotic goals and objectives. The editorial states "For some time, the Communists and their allies concentrated on attacking J. Edgar Hoover, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the other governmental agencies exposing communism. Such attacks by the leftists went over with the American public like a lead balloon. - - - The American people, as reasoned their enemies, must be divided for and against another group, a group not well known among the people, a group against whom unfounded suspicions could be stirred. - - - The Communists chose to divide Americans on the John Birch Society, a recently formed group dedicated to battling communism, and a group which, because it was little known, could be easily misrepresented to the public."

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

May 3, 1961

Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

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John Birch Society

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The 4/19/61 issue of "The Evening Star," Section G, page 6, "Final Edition," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, contained an article "Lutheran Leader Sees Harm in Birch Group." This article states that Dr. Malvin H. Lundein of Minneapolis, Minnesota, President of the 600,000 member Augustana Lutheran Church, declared that the pressures from such groups as the John Birch Society are as dangerous as those pressures from extreme leftist groups. The article quotes Lundein as stating "communism is dangerous and we need to be aware of it. But there is a totalitarianism of the extreme right position which is also extremely dangerous. It is dangerous because it comes to us in the guise of patriotism.

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ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record purposes to record the results of the file review on [redacted] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Harrington
1 - 62-104401 (JBS)

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Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

May 3, 1961

Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

COMMUNISM AND RELIGION
INTERNAL SECURITY

The 4/17/61 issue of "The Dallas Times Herald," a Dallas, Texas, newspaper, contained an article "Local Clergyman Accuses Welch Of Smear Tactics." The article states that Dr. William M. Elliott, Minister, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, has accused Robert Welch of putting people in a mental strait jacket. The article further quotes Dr. Elliott as stating that he is particularly distressed at Welch's claim that about three per cent of the Nation's ministers are communist sympathizers with many holding key positions in church hierarchies.

Based on the limited information set forth in the article no identifiable references to [redacted] were located in Bufiles.

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ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record purposes in setting out the results of the file review concerning [redacted] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion
100-403529

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ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted to set out the results of our file review on Reverend Klausler and Reverend Schomer and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion
100-403529

was addressed to the President of the United States calling for the granting of clemency for Morton Sobell by commutation of his sentence. One of the signers of the petition was Reverend Howard Schomer, 5740 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. (100-433878-2 page 16)

[redacted] The above petition was delivered to [redacted] by Reverend Alva Tompkins, Pastor, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. (Tompkins is subject of Bufile 100-433878 and is on the Security Index.) (100-433878-2)

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The 11/7/60 issue of "National Guardian," page 1, contained an article "Washington convocation to seek Sobell freedom." The article states a national convocation for freedom for Morton Sobell would be held in Washington, D. C., on 11/19-21/60. One of the sponsors of the convocation was listed as a Reverend Dr. Howard Schomer. (100-387835-A)

The 1/2/61 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," pages 12-13, contained a "Petition to the House of Representatives of the 87th Congress of the United States" to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. One of the signers of this petition was listed as Dr. Howard Schomer, President, Divinity School, under the heading of "Illinois." (61-7582-A)

The 4/5/61 issue of the "Red Streak" edition of the "Chicago Daily News," page 37, contained an article "List 19 Signers of Bid on Cuba." This article states that 19 Illinois citizens, including educators, clergymen and editors have asked President Kennedy to suppress Cuban anti-Castro activities in the United States. Their letter describes their request not as a "plea for Fidel Castro or for Cuba, but for the United States to show the world its respect for its own law and agreements." One of the signers of the letter was Dr. Howard Schomer, President, International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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The "Red Streak" edition of the 4/12/61 issue of the "Chicago Daily News," page 45, column 1, contained an article captioned "Church Press Role Hailed In Exposing Birch Society." This article states that the Nation's church press was praised for denouncing the activities of such organizations as the John Birch Society (JBS) and quoted the Reverend Alfred P. Klausler, editor of the "League Messenger," a Chicago, Illinois, publication of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, stating that the best and most probing analyses of the JBS are appearing in church magazines. The article also states that the activities of the JBS were dwelt upon by Reverend Howard Schomer, President of Chicago Theological Seminary, in his keynote address before the convention of the Associated Church Press which was held in Chicago during early April, 1961.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to Reverend Klausler.

The following information was located in Bufiles which may be identical with Reverend Schomer.

On 4/14-16/60 a peace march from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois, to the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was held calling for disarmament and the banning of nuclear testing. The march was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, both pacifist groups. The march concluded with a rally at the Morrison Hotel on the afternoon of 4/16/60 at which one of the sponsors was Dr. Howard Schomer, President, Chicago Theological Seminary. (100-11392-288)

In 8/60 the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) filed a petition with which

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The 4-20-61 issue of "The Houston Post," a Houston, Texas, newspaper, contained an article "Episcopalian Leaders Assail Welch Tactics." The article states that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Episcopal Church's National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., said the John Birch Society seemed to him "a rather vehement form of self-righteousness." The article further discloses that the Very Reverend William S. Lea, Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver, said the John Birch Society "plays into the hands of the Communists by setting brother against brother." Both churchmen criticized the charge by Robert Welch that 7,000 of the 200,000 Protestant ministers in the United States were either communists or sympathizers.

Bufiles show that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr. is the subject of 100-369954 file, but the file does not contain any subversive information. There is a summary on Sayre in 62-5-3234 dated 4-11-59, but does not contain any subversive information.

The only information in Bufiles on [redacted] was that he had attended the Assembly of World Council of Churches in Budapest, Hungary, during July and August, 1956. (100-231551-213)

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This memorandum is submitted for record purposes in setting out the results of the file reviews concerning [redacted] Sayre and [redacted] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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Director, FBI (62-104401)

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Informant No. 4/19/61, at [redacted]
dated [redacted]

This report has been and is being obtained from a strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis of the information contained therein should be made in an extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal the source of the information or the possible identity of the informant. The substance of this material should not be included in an investigative report or made available to unauthorized individuals or outside agencies unless paraphrased in such a way that the identity of the informant and the source of the information will not be disclosed. It is imperative that this procedure be closely followed.

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You are instructed to consider the contents of this report for intelligence purposes and not as possible evidence. Conduct appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported matter or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same. When pertinent, information from this report should be disseminated and characterized as emanating from a source of "unknown reliability."

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 5, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A3138. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He stated "As a member of the society, I am anxious that it receive a fair and just hearing before the American public." He included an editorial from the San Marino (California) Tribune entitled "A Look at John Birch." The editorial stated "Before you allow yourself to be stampeded by the critics, investigate the John Birch Society. A growing number of Americans have done so, and a growing number have joined its movement toward fundamental American constitutional government. The fact that they are under fire, is proof of their effectiveness."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 4, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE: 5/5/61

Re SAC letters Nos. 59-13 dated 3/10/59 and 60-5
dated 1/26/60 and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau dated
4/6/61 captioned as above.

In view of the comments made with reference to
the subject organization by the Honorable MILTON R. YOUNG,
U. S. Senator from the state of North Dakota, the John
Birch Society is a highly controversial subject in the
state of North Dakota. *D.C.*

No new chapters of the John Birch Society have
been reported to this office since my letter to the Bureau
dated 4/6/61.

There has been no indication that known members
of subversive organizations have succeeded in penetrating
the John Birch Society chapters or have even tried to do
so.

This case is being placed in a closed status. The
Bureau will be advised of the formation of new chapters or
efforts by subversive organizations to use the John Birch
Society to their advantage.

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For Your Information

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The controversial John Birch Society has emerged as the newest spearhead of ultra-conservatism in the United States, rallying extreme right-wing groups to renew efforts to unite in a political movement and provoking widespread denunciations of its extremist tactics and charges.

Birch leaders were prominently featured as speakers at a three-day Conservative Convention held in Chicago in mid-April. Principal speaker was Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R.-Cal.), ardent JBS supporter and member, the first to defend the group in Congress. Other participants included Kent Courtney, New Orleans publisher of the Independent American, a monthly political newspaper, and J. Bracken Lee, Mayor of Salt Lake City and former Governor of Utah, prominently mentioned as a likely candidate to head a new third-party Presidential ticket in 1964.

The appearance of Birch Society members at the convention was hailed as "highly significant" by Courtney's right-wing publication, which has ~~long~~ ⁶²⁻¹⁰⁴⁴⁰¹⁻¹²² EX-105 REC-88 urged establishment of a third party. However, expectations were dashed by Hiestand himself, who called third-party proposals "political suicide."

"I'm enough of a businessman to know that a third party couldn't win a national election," he declared.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

Day-by-day news coverage of JBS in March and April reflected the growing impact of the Society. In California, the Governor ordered a state investigation. In Washington, some critics called for probes by the Justice Department or Congressional investigating committees. At his April 8 press conference, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy termed JBS "ridiculous," suggesting it might best be laughed out of existence. Nevertheless, on April 17, the Army announced that Major General Edwin A. Walker had been relieved of his command in Germany pending an investigation into reports that he had been indoctrinating his troops with the views of the Birch Society.

Although JBS' leader, Robert H.W. Welch, Jr., specifically disclaims religious bigotry, the group's arch-conservative program makes it a natural target for infiltration by religious and racial hatemongers.

What It Stands For

The goals of JBS differ little from those espoused by numerous ultra-conservative movements which have sprung up from time to time since the 1930's. The Birch Society opposes social welfare legislation, the income tax, collective bargaining, the United Nations, foreign aid, mental health legislation, water fluoridation, centralized government.

But Welch has gone further than his ideological predecessors, smearing former President Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy" and launching an organized letter-writing campaign calling for impeachment of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

As Senator Milton R. Young (R-N.D.)

put it, even though Welch goes "far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy ever thought of," Birch Society cells in his state include "some of the most able and influential people in the community."

Background and Structure

John Birch was an American intelligence officer killed by Chinese Communists in 1946. The Society bearing his name was founded in 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., now 61, a retired candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass. For more than two years, Welch has dominated JBS singlehandedly. His Society currently claims 100,000 members in 34 states. Annual dues are \$24 for men, \$12 for women; life membership is \$1,000. Most members seem to be persons of repute in their home communities, many associated previously with other right-wing groups.

To create a groundswell, Welch set up an authoritarian organization of "cells" consisting of no more than 20 members each, pledged to adherence to the "leadership principle." The last noteworthy attempt to band extreme right-wingers into "cells" occurred in 1945, when former Senator Robert R. Reynolds, after a devastating press expose, abandoned his attempts to organize a Nationalist Party.

The Society's rules were spelled out early in The Blue Book, a manual for JBS members based on a two-day talk Welch delivered in Indianapolis to a group of supporters in 1958:

The men who join the John Birch Society during the next few months or years are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway...

Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the Society.

The Blue Book, still a bible for JBS members, gives Birchers virtual carte blanche as to how they shall carry out Welch's objectives in their own communities. But there are some specific guidelines: setting up "reading rooms" and otherwise promoting conservative periodicals and books; utilizing radio and TV to spread reactionary views; launching organized letter-writing campaigns; and organizing "fronts" -- in Welch's words, "little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts."

In actual practice, Birchers follow the blueprint closely. Members meet to carry out Welch's objectives in their home communities, generally avoiding identification as Birchers. They write letters to editors; they infiltrate PTA's; they intrude their extreme views into standing conflicts -- the controversy between Protestant fundamentalists and the more liberal branch, for example, or the issue of fluoridation; they launch attacks against the National Council of Churches and Chief Justice Warren. Anyone who objects to their methods is ipso facto pro-Communist.

Local programs are administered from offices in Belmont by Welch and a paid staff of "coordinators" who visit the cells as his emissaries, dispensing directives, advice and orientation. Required reading for all members is a monthly, American Opinion, sponsored by Welch, and the Bulletin, issued for the specific guidance of cells.

One end-product of all this has been

considerable dissension in widely scattered communities: Houston, Tex.; Wichita, Kans.; the states of Arizona, California and Washington. Yet not until March, when newspapers reported attacks on prominent Americans in Welch's book, The Politician, did JBS come under national scrutiny. The book has since been withdrawn from circulation.

One of Welch's consultants has been J. B. Matthews, whose leftist activities in the 1930's were recounted in his autobiographical Odyssey of a Fellow Traveler. Since then, Matthews has served as research expert for anti-Communist groups and Congressional committees. He resigned from the staff of the McCarthy committee in the heat of controversy over an article leveling charges against clergymen.

Welch's "advisory council" includes Clarence Manion, former dean of Notre Dame Law School and a frequent spokesman for right-wing groups; Spruille Braden, former ambassador to Argentina; and T. Coleman Andrews, former U. S. Internal Revenue Commissioner.

Opposition

Adverse reactions have been sharp, widespread and varied, as the following sampling indicates:

California Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton, addressing the state assembly rules committee:

This organization goes beyond free speech...
The Hitler organization started the same way
and attracted some very respectable businessmen.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, commenting on the political techniques employed by the Society:

One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means become the end.

Without naming a particular group, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned late in March that "vigilante action" by irresponsible organizations can do more harm than good in combatting communism in America. House Speaker Sam Rayburn cautioned that the Society's "strange nostrums" would "destroy our freedom."

A partial list of others voicing concern and disapproval includes:

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake (National Council of Churches)
Governor Edmund G. Brown (D-Cal.)
Hugh Burns (California State Senator)
Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.)
Dr. Samuel B. Gould (Chancellor, University of California at Santa Barbara)
President John F. Kennedy

Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.)
Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Cal.)
Stanley Mosk (California Attorney General)
Charles H. Percy (1960 Chairman, Republican Platform Committee)
Representative Henry S. Reuss (D-Wisc.)
Senator Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio)

Support

The Society's first Congressional supporter and admitted member, California Representative Edgar W. Hiestand, admires JBS as "a group of rugged individualists, dedicated to patriotism and determined in their fight against communism." Among other Congressional defenders are John H. Rousselot (R-Cal.) and L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.).

Shortly after the Birch Society hit the headlines, it won a measure of praise from some clearly questionable quarters. Anti-Semitic propagandists Conde McGinley and Merwin K. Hart, for instance, were quick to announce their endorsement and support of the group, in effect giving their followers the "green light."

Conde McGinley, publisher of the vitriolic hatesheet Common Sense and subject of a House Un-American Activities Committee report, editorialized in the March 15, 1961, issue of his bigoted newspaper:

Inasmuch as we have received many inquiries from all over the United States regarding the John Birch Society, we want to go on record. We believe this to be an effective, patriotic group, in good hands. The best evidence that they are effective is the fact that they are being smeared by people who have done nothing to stop communism.

In a recent press interview, Hart called the Birch Society "the single strongest factor against the advance of communism in the United States." Hart's National Economic Council was examined by the Select Lobbying Committee of the House of Representatives in 1950. The Committee characterized one of the Council's techniques as designed "to disparage those who oppose its objectives by appeals to religious prejudice, often an ill-concealed anti-Semitism."

A partial list of other JBS supporters follows:

Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr. (Minister, First Congregational Church, Los Angeles)
Vice Admiral C. S. Freeman (USN-Ret.)
Dr. Carl McIntire (President, International Council of Christian Churches)

Funds for the activities of the American Jewish Committee are raised through the Joint Defense Appeal.

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DATE: April 3, 1961

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DATE 7-9-96 BY Sprague

My memorandum of March 29, 1961, advised you that we had received a letter from captioned Member of Congress which was dated March 24, 1961. In it Rousselot stated he had been receiving many letters from his constituents concerning the John Birch Society. He listed seven sample questions he alleged he was receiving from these individuals and asked if the Director could furnish him any information to aid in satisfying the people he is representing with his first term in Congress.

I recommended that someone in your office personally acknowledge Rousselot's letter, in the interest of cultivating future relations with him, and explain the functions and jurisdiction of the FBI. I also recommended consideration of telling him several facts about the Society which are of public record.

The New York Times reported on March 31, 1961, that Congressman Edgar W. Hiestand of California had called a press conference to discuss the Birch Society. In admitting that he was a member of it, Hiestand also identified Rousselot as one. The latter later said he had joined it over a year ago. All of these developments were subsequent to Rousselot's letter to the Director. No mention was made of his membership until Hiestand "smoked" him out with his remarks to the newspaper reporters.

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It occurs to me that one of two reasons prompted Rousselot's letter asking FBI help. He either had become concerned over his membership and was honestly seeking some guidance, but was reluctant to admit his membership; or, he was playing what he considered was a shrewd game in attempting to use the Bureau. He may be well aware of the fact that literally hundreds of letters have been written to the Director by Birch people trying to get Mr. Hoover to endorse their organization - to no avail. Rousselot may have been using his position in an attempt to get the answer for them. In any event, he concealed his membership from the Director in his request for aid. It is deemed advisable to be most circumspect in any future dealings with him.

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